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THE WHEAT SURPLUS

The fabulous mechanization of American farms and the use of modern methods of producing crops, has resulted in building up a record surplus of some farm commodities. Included in the list, as a major item, is the wheat crop. Frankly, we now have more wheat than we know what to do with. There are some who advocate giving it away to any or all takers on the world market. But that would upset the delicate balances of trade, and work as much hardship as it would relief. The simple facts are that we have run out of places to store the surplus and maintain it in usable condition, and the charges for interest, storage, etc., are making a drain upon our national budget. So far, the only practical answer is for more rigid acreage and marketing controls. The world situation still finds hungry populations, but there is serious doubt that the American taxpayer can afford to provide continued subsidies for a crop now in tremendous surplus. It seems to us that this situation is too realistic to permit political maneuvering, and calls for some sound leadership at the top levels of government. Bread is the staff of life, and our wheat growers must be kept in business. But, they are at a point where they have the know-how to vastly outproduce demand, and there is no agricultural problem more critical than that of what to do about the wheat surplus.

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OUR FAITH IN THE YOUTH

Hundreds of thousands of young men and women, all over the United States, have recently resumed their studies in the schools and colleges of the nation.

The ambition, the enthusiasm and the ideals of these young people are of striking significance. Marked mostly by its absence, as compared with other groups, is the greed and selfishness that distinguish the calculated policies of some older persons.

The Times-Virginian has never been among the calamnity-howlers who insisted that our young people are "going to the dogs." They are the greatest asset of our nation, the great hope of the human race. We have abiding faith in them, and trust implicity in their mental and spiritual development. Not to do so would be to assume a pessimistic position we simply do not care to take.

We salute the parents and the taxpayers who are providing every practical educational opportunity for the youth of our generation. The cost of education is moving upward by leaps and bounds. The taxpayer is caught in a log-jam of appeals for more and more funds. We are placing all our risks on the side of our best hope for the future: the generation now flowing into our colleges and universities.

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THE U. S. DOLLAR

There are conflicting reports concerning the soundness of the U. S. dollar and the trend these days, as far as the flow of money from Washington is concerned.

On the one hand, there are reports that the outflow of gold from the United States abroad is slowing. There are certain statistics which apparently prove this point. On the other hand, the financial crisis is being viewed with some alarm in Europe.

The stock markets in various European countries, and the behavior of the dollar, have reflected nervousness in recent months. Of course, partly countering that—at this time—is the boom developing in the United States. Continued strikes, or other economic dislocations, could effect this, but right now, the picture is one of optimism as American business booms.

Certain observations seem to be apparent. First, interest rates cannot continue to be raised much longer. Second, the public debt must be stabilized soon. Thirdly, the cost of living cannot be allowed to rise too fast, or even significantly, in the immediate future. Fourth, business must be kept moving at a good pace, since the cost of defense and the fixed costs of government, in general, are extremely high.

The reader may judge the situation for himself, keeping the above four factors in mind. If interest rates are pushed higher, or if the business boom fades, or if inflation runs rampant, then the country is definitely headed for trouble. It is certainly accurate to say that wise government and economic management is a necessity at the moment.

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There are few things as wearing as little town jealousies.

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The time to take care of your health is when you've got it.

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Men interested in the truth rarely get emotional in a discussion.

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Only a portion of the unemployed are out to find employment.

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We have never suffered under any illusion that these notes are world-shattering, but they do reflect honest opinion.

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One reason some people are annoyed at what children say is due to the fact that children too often come out with the truth.

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Organized groups led by ambitious leaders, sometimes interfere with democracy and the rights of the unorganized majority.

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If arguments were postponed until all participants got the facts, life would be simpler and intelligence would replace emotion.

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The unsatisfied, or envious member of a community, is always ready to tear down those who have something he or she wants.

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FARM CENSUS FIELD WORK BEGINS

Field work in the 1959 Census of Agriculture got underway locally on Nov. 11, when a force of census takers start visiting every farm in the area, it was announced today by Fleetr director John C. Gilson, of the Census Bureau's regional office at Philadelphia.

Farm census questionnaires have been mailed to all farm operators and the census takers will visit all local farms to collect the questionnaires and, if necessary, assist the farmer in filling out the report form.

The 1959 Census of Agriculture is the 17th in a series of nationwide farm canvasses, the first of which was conducted in 1840.

The Census of Agriculture is taken at five-year intervals to provide up-to-date statistical information about the nearly five million farms which supply food and raw materials for manufacture of goods used by the people of the United States, now numbering about 178 million.

The current census will yield information on the number and size of farms, acreage and harvest of crops, livestock production and inventories, selected farm facilities and equipment and selected farm expenditures.

The field director emphasized that all information about individuals and their farm operations furnished to the Census Bureau is held in absolute confidence, under Federal law. It is used only to provide summary figures such as totals, averages and percentages.

GRINDING, MIXING FEEDS ON FARMS SAVES MONEY

Feed costs can be cut considerably when farmers grind and mix their own concentrates.

Kenneth Loope, agricultural economist at VPI, has analyzed the costs and savings on a typical poultry farm with 5,000 layers to stress the advisability of "doing it yourself." And he's come up with a whopping estimate of $7,500 which a poultryman could save by grinding and mixing his own feed for a year for 5,000 birds.

Poultry specialists say that in winter a 15 per cent protein ration of corn and 40 per cent poultry supplement will meet all known nutritional needs. In summer a 16 or 17 per cent protein should be fed. To mix 250 tons of concentrate feed . . the amount needed in a year by 5,000 layers . . will cost $56.91 per ton, assuming corn at $1.30 per bushel and 40 per cent poultry supplement at $4.60 per cwt., and assuming certain other conditions. The present price for a 15 per cent poultry ration is around $88. The difference . . $31.-09 per ton, or around $7,500 for the 250 tons needed annually.

Loope says that to make this saving, farmers may find it necessary to dry and store corn on the farm to be sure they have top quality ingredients for the mixed feed.

A complete automatic grinding and mixing system can be bought for $1,500 or less. This includes gravity bins, grain elevators, and automatic mill with attachments.

LATE, CLOSE CUTTING WEAKENS ALFALFA

Another argument against late, close cutting of alfalfa is advanced by plant pathologists at VPI.

They say that when the last short growth of alfalfa is taken off the field late in the fall, the alfalfa plants lose needed plant food and cover protection which helps them resist cold weather and plant diseases.

Tests have shown that cutting the late green growth in the early part of the fall may result in the loss of 75 per cent of the stand. The pathologists say it is especially important to leave a substantial top growth to protect the stand from winter injury and let the plants store up plant food reserves for the winter. A weak plant is much more susceptible to plant disease, and high food reserves are needed for resistance to cold.

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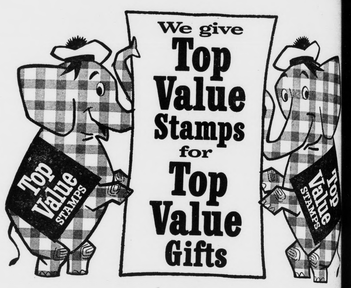

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...Bruce was rushed to ...Sunday night, but is ...getting on fine.

...Workers Circle met ...Mrs. Ernest Farrar ...

...P. Robinson and Miss ...visited Mr. and Mrs. ...last week.

...McFadden and Mr. ...Paulette spent last ...the home of Mr. and ...Cale, Timberlake Rd.,

...Harvey has returned ...the hospital, much im...this time.

...C met in the home of ...Geddes last Thursday ...good attendance.

...Notestein is visiting ...Luther Henderson.

Mrs. Carl Youmger, of Wytheville visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carrico and Mr. L. E. Carrico recently.

Sympathy is extended to Jesse and Courtney Franklin and Mrs. Lizzie Steadman, Mrs. Mary Ferguson in the death of their half-brother, Mr. Clifford Franklin, who died recently.

Mrs. J. K. Hamilton, Mrs. V. L. Hudson, and Mrs. C. J. Paulette attended the Leadership Training Class of the W. M. U. at Liberty Baptist Church on Friday night and Saturday morning.

Mr. J. E. Paulette and Mrs. Lola Calhoun, of Lynchburg visited Mrs. O. C. Paulette Sunday.

Mrs. Shirley Martin and Mrs. Frances Paulette are recovering at their homes from an accident in a car.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Griffith, of Richmond; Mrs. Mary Sullivan and Mr. Howard Glover, of Lynchburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Bowles, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bowles, of Richmond visited the Rev. and Mrs. V. L. Hudson and family on Sunday and attended services at our church.

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Unto Death

Lesson for November 15, 1959

IT HAS OFTEN been dangerous to be a Christian. This should not be a surprise to any one who knows the story of Jesus. He himself said that if a man wanted to be his follower he would have to take up a cross every day. Christians nowadays often wear crosses as jewelry, but what Jesus meant was no trinket. Indeed, in his time nobody would have thought of making an ornament in the shape of a cross. (Did you ever see a necklace or watch-chain with a tiny electric chair attached?) A cross always meant one thing: a horrible death. Not a death by accident, not a suicide, but a death by court order or mob violence, a form of death inflicted only on the worst criminals, enemies of society. You will have to be considered a criminal. Jesus said in effect, you will have to be prepared literally to be executed as a criminal, if you are going to follow in my footsteps.

Dr. Foreman

People Don't Die for Opinions

Most Christians throughout the centuries have not been called on to be actually killed for their faith. Jesus did not mean that only those who die a martyr's death can be considered Christians. Still, in almost every age of Christianity, there have been martyrs. First, in the long list is a man named Stephen, whose story is told in Acts. A brilliant scholar, a convincing debater, he proved to be so good at showing *how right* Christian faith is, that his enemies decided the only way to stop him was to arrest him. Perhaps they did not mean to kill him; but kill him they did, in what is surely one of the strangest lynchings in history. For the men who stoned Stephen to death were not a mob acting without knowledge of the court. They were members of the court itself. Now, some one might ask why Stephen was stubborn. Why couldn't he agree with the majority? (In that court he was a minority of One.) Why couldn't he at least keep his opinions to himself? If Christianity were a matter of opinions, of course Stephen could have kept his to himself. But people don't die for opinions. They die for convictions. And a conviction does not go down to the utter most depths of a man's mind and soul unless he is willing to die for it.

Christianity is not a matter of opinions that can easily be changed. It is a matter of people who have convictions which change their whole lives, so that their lives are expressions of their convictions. They will lose life rather than surrender.

Martyrs In Our Time

The roll of those who have died for their Christian faith is a long one. It is not finished, and it has grown much longer in our time. The writer of these lines has worshipped in a "refugee" congregation in Korea, a martyr church. Every member of it is a native of north Korea, who left home to come to south Korea, a strange land to him and not too hospitable either—to begin life again in poverty but in Christian freedom. Not only that, but almost every member of that congregation has lost some relative, murdered by communist orders.

Centuries ago the church used to distinguish between "red" and "white" martyrs. The first kind sealed their testimony in blood. The second kind were not killed but, being always ready to die, suffered for their faith in other ways, perhaps long continued. All honor to martyrs of both kinds. Most of the foreign missionaries, or "fraternal workers" as they are often called, live as white martyrs. Beyond our ordinary comforts of home, away from most of their families, exposed daily to contagion, surrounded by a world so depressing that many missionary minds have given way under the strain, overworked and too seldom reinforced, they nevertheless live rejoicing. Every one has heard of the young missionaries who were murdered by those Amazon Indians. Their widows are carrying on their unfinished work today. The wives have not been killed; but who shall say they are not equally martyrs?

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Stonewall

Stonewall, Nov. 9.- Am sorry I had to miss writing the news last week. When I got to church Sunday morning, so many readers asked what was wrong; last week's paper was not any good without the Stonewall news! Hope they will read this and forget the past week.

Mr. Walter Lee, of Appomattox, spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette, and Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Lee. He is always a welcomed guest in our community.

Mrs. Bettie Wheeler and Brad, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

Donald Lee Drinkard, of Staunton School spent the week-end with his parents, Mr and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard.

Rev. Aaron Smith and Mrs. Tom Davidson and children visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick on Wednesday evening.

Mr. C. D. Drinkard, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence, and Mr. Howlette Drinkard, Sr., visited in the Chick home over the week-end.

Rev. Aaron Smith preached a wonderful sermon at Bethel Church on Sunday morning. He was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton.

The W. S. C. S. of Bethel Church will meet in the home of Mrs. C. M. Caldwell on Tuesday night of this week. A good attendance is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Russell and children, of Richmond spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette expect to leave Thursday of this week for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Keadlin in Thaxville, Ill., and to Missiouri and other places of interest before returning home. We wish for them a safe trip.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson spent Sunday in Lynchburg with Mr. and Mrs. Cantrell Smith and girls, and Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Showalter and Steve.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson and children spent the week-end at Orange with his twin sister, Mrs. Herbert Matthews and Mr. Matthews.

Mrs. C .M. Stratton, Mrs. Tom Davidson and baby and Mrs. E. L. Chick attended the Achievement Day at Appomattox last Thursday, from the Stonewall Home Demonstration Club. The program was real good and enjoyed by all present.

Miss Kate Davidson, Mrs. John Harrison and Mrs. Tilden Lee attended the same meeting, from the Wreck Island Club.

Rev. Aaron Smith was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Drinkard, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Drinkard Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bethel and Linda Sue, Mrs. Pete Slade and Marietta Drinkard visited in the Drinkard home over the week-end.

Mrs. J. H. Beard is visiting in Richmond with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beard .Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Lavrence spent last Sunday with the Beard family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Moore spent the week-end in Charlottesville with friends.

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